

HOUSE BILL 779

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters and**
3 **Emergency Medical Services Providers – Reimbursement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse certain
5 emergency medical services providers for certain services provided to Maryland
6 Medical Assistance Program recipients in an amount specified by certain regulations
7 that is at least at a certain rate; specifying the minimum reimbursement rate for
8 certain services provided by emergency service transporters; altering a certain
9 definition; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the coverage and
10 reimbursement of services provided by emergency medical services providers and
11 emergency service transporters.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Health – General
14 Section 15–114.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 15–114.1.

21 (a) **(1)** In this section[, “emergency”] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
22 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

23 **(2) “EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 STATED IN § 13–516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

2 (3) “EMERGENCY service transporter” means [a]:

3 (I) A public entity or volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical
4 service that provides emergency medical services; OR

5 (II) A COMMERCIAL AMBULANCE SERVICE.

6 (4) “MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICE” MEANS A
7 COMMUNITY–BASED PREVENTIVE, PRIMARY, CHRONIC, PREADMISSION, OR
8 POSTADMISSION HEALTH CARE SERVICE OR TRANSPORT PROVIDED BY AN
9 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER TO AN INDIVIDUAL.

10 (b) [If] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IF an emergency
11 service transporter charges for its services and requests reimbursement from the Program,
12 the Department shall reimburse the emergency service transporter, in an amount as
13 specified by regulations adopted by the Department THAT IS AT LEAST \$200 PER
14 TRANSPORT, for the cost of:

15 (1) Transportation the emergency service transporter provides to a
16 Program recipient to a facility in response to a 911 call; and

17 (2) Medical services the emergency service transporter provides to the
18 Program recipient while transporting the Program recipient to a facility in response to a
19 911 call.

20 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL
21 SERVICES PROVIDER FOR MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO A
22 PROGRAM RECIPIENT IN AN AMOUNT AS SPECIFIED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY
23 THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS AT LEAST \$100 PER INTERACTION.

24 (2) THE SERVICES SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT UNDER
25 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

26 (I) HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING HEALTH
27 ASSESSMENTS, REMOTE MEDICAL DIAGNOSTICS, CHRONIC DISEASE MONITORING
28 AND EDUCATION, MEDICATION COMPLIANCE, IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINATIONS,
29 LABORATORY SPECIMEN COLLECTION, HOSPITAL DISCHARGE FOLLOW–UP CARE,
30 AND MINOR MEDICAL PROCEDURES, PROVIDED BY AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL
31 SERVICES PROVIDER THAT ARE:

32 1. WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THE
33 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER; AND

1 **2. PROVIDED IN A HOME OR ANY OTHER**
2 **COMMUNITY-BASED SETTING TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHO DOES NOT REQUIRE**
3 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT; AND**

4 **(II) TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY THE EMERGENCY**
5 **MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT WITH A LOW-ACUITY**
6 **HEALTH CONDITION TO AND FROM A LOCATION IN WHICH URGENT HEALTH CARE**
7 **SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS.**

8 **[(c)] (D)** The Department shall adopt any regulations necessary to carry out this
9 section.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2020.